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SUBJECT: QADHAFI VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA

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1. QADHAFI LEFT YUGOSLAVIA NOV 23 AFTER THREE-DAY SOJOURN IN THE HEART OF MOSLEM TERRITORY IN BOSNIA-HERCOGOVINA, WHICH INCLUDED A VISIT TO A MOSTAR ENTERPRISE (SOKO) PRODUCING MILITARY JET AIRCRAFT AND A CALL FOR NOON PRAYER AT THE KARADJOZBEGS MOSQUE IN MOSTAR IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR PARIS.

2. COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED NOV 24 INTERESTING FROM TWO ASPECTS:

A. PRESUMABLY IN DEFERENCE TO QADHAFI, YUGOSLAVS AGREED TO EXTENDING USUAL LANGUAGE RE ACHIEVEMENT OF "LEGITIMATE AND NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE" TO STATE "INCLUDING THE RETURN OF THEIR HOMES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION". THIS LATTER CLAUSE WAS NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INCLUDED, FOR EXAMPLE, COMMUNIQUE WITH SOVIETS FOLLOWING KIEV

VISIT.

B. IN WHAT MIGHT BE A COMMUNIQUE FIRST HERE, LANGUAGE WAS INCLUDED TO EFFECT LIBYA ESTEEMS YUGOSLAV SYSTEM BASED ON RESPECT FOR NATIONALITIES AND "PRESERVING OF FREEDOM OF WORSHIP".

3. AMBASSADOR RECEIVED CONFIRMATION THAT CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCES HAD EXISTED BETWEEN TWO SIDES IN DISCUSSION NOV 23 WITH MILOS LALOVIC, ASST FEDERAL SECRETARY RESPONSIBLE FOR MIDDLE EAST. LALOVIC CONFIRMED THAT YUGOSLAV EFFORT HAD BEEN TO TRY TO MODERATE QADHAFI'S VIEWS. HE DESCRIBED QADHAFI AS "YOUNG, QUITE EMOTIONAL AND VERY FIXED IDEAS WHICH BE EXPRESSED AT LENGTH, REPEATEDLY AND IN VIGOROUS TERMS". IF QADHAFI DID NOT AGREE WITH A PROPOSAL OR SUGGESTION, HE WOULD SIMPLY SAY NOTHING - AND THE DIALOGUE WOULD COLLAPSE. LALOVIC SAID DESPITE PROBLEMS INVOLVED YUGOSLAVS FELT VISIT HAD BEEN USEFUL. TITO HAD STRONGLY URGED QADHAFI TO ATTEND ARAB SUMMIT IN ALGIERS, BUT QADHAFI, WHILE LISTENING CAREFULLY TO TITO'S ARGUMENTS, REMAINED NONCOMMITTAL.

4. DIFFERENCES WERE GLOSSED OVER IN COMMUNIQUE WHICH STRESSED AREAS OF AGREEMENT, BUT YUGOSLAV PRESS COMMENTARY MORE FORTHRIGHT, E.G., ZAGREB VJESNIK REFERRED NOV 24 TO "DIFFERENCES OVER SOME WORLD EVENTS, AND PARTLY OVER THE SOLUTION OF THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS".

5. THIS DIALOGUE WILL HAVE BEEN AN UNUSUAL EXPERIENCE FOR TITO, WHO IS MORE ACCUSTOMED TO VISITORS BENDING THEIR VIEWS IN DEFERENCE TO HIS PRESTIGE.
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